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**Excise Officers Search Indy Bar, Home
Seize \$30,000 & Four Illegal Gambling Machines**

INDIANAPOLIS (June 24) – Indiana State Excise Police officers serving search warrants at an Indianapolis bar and residence seized more than \$30,000 and four illegal gambling machines this afternoon.

Officers searched Brewskies Pub & Eatery, 7925 Southeastern Avenue, Indianapolis, and a residence in the 4200 block of S. Kerry Drive, Indianapolis.

Excise officers were initially investigating for fraudulent tax returns after they found that the amount of annual food sales reported to the state Alcohol & Tobacco Commission were inconsistent with the overall revenue the business reported to the state Department of Revenue in the 2011 and 2012 tax years. Based on their investigation, more than \$240,000 in income was allegedly unreported to the DOR.

During today's search for evidence of corrupt business influence, theft and failing to remit sales tax – all felonies – officers also located four illegal Cherry Master video poker machines.

Officers are continuing to process evidence, after which the Marion County Prosecutor's Office will review the case for possible criminal charges related to corrupt business influence, theft, failing to remit sales tax, professional gambling and promoting professional gambling – all felonies.

A report will also be forwarded to the Alcohol & Tobacco Commission's administrative-law prosecutor for review as it relates to Brewskies' alcoholic-beverage permit.

As the enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission, the primary mission of the Indiana State Excise Police is to promote public safety by enforcing Indiana's Alcoholic Beverage Code. While excise officers have the authority to enforce any state law, they focus primarily on alcohol, tobacco and related laws.

All criminal and administrative-law defendants are to be presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.